

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on April 7, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 335, 4/7/2017

HEARING ON SB 338

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:07 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 338, Revise laws related to closure of certain coal-fired generation.

[EXHIBIT\(feh73a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:34 Adam Schaeffer, Governors Office
00:18:23 Rep. Cook
00:20:25 John Bennion, Attorney General (AG)
00:21:43 Rep. Keane
00:24:37 Chris Cavazos, AFLO-CIO
00:29:37 Mayor John Williams, Colstrip
00:37:34 Beth Kaeding, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh73a02\)](#)

00:43:15 Jody Williams, Self
00:45:22 Rex Rogers, IBW
00:46:49 Doug Martens, Rosebud County
00:47:45 JD Lynch, Montana Building and Construction Trades
00:48:40 Dave Galt, Montana Association of Oil Gas and Coal
00:49:05 Jesse Labuff, Self
00:49:30 Morgan Smith, MEA-MFT
00:50:07 Jim Atchison, SEMT Development
00:53:36 Jason Rittal, Self
00:54:50 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
00:55:22 Laurie Shaw, Self
00:56:33 David Saulsbury, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:57:42 John Metropolous, Talen Montana

[EXHIBIT\(feh73a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh73a04\)](#)

01:15:21 Melissa Lewis, Puget

[EXHIBIT\(feh73a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh73a06\)](#)

01:24:51 Brendan McCarthy
01:29:32 Tom Ebzery, Self
01:32:06 Diego Rivas, Montana Energy Coalition
01:38:00 Bob Story, Montana Tax Payers Association (MTPA)

[EXHIBIT\(feh73a07\)](#)

01:42:50 Jeff Fox, Renewable North West (RNW)
01:47:22 Bridger Mahlum, Chamber of Commerce
01:50:28 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Informational Testimony:

01:58:59 Chris Dorrington, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:59:39 Rep. Morigeau
 02:00:02 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
 02:01:07 Mayor John Williams, Colstrip
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 02:12:19 Rep. Hertz
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Closing by Sponsor:

03:14:18 Sen. Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

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Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh73aad.pdf](#))